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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/059,815

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/20/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 35,36 and 42-45.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 9/27/2007.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 9/11/2007.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/27/2006 has been entered.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with *Jordan M. Becker* (Reg. No. 39,602) on 11 September 2007.

This application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claim 1 – 34 and 37 – 41.

Drawings

The drawings filed on 28 January 2002 are acceptable subject to correction of the following informalities: regarding Figure 3 / Element 34, "cn=managers" should be corrected to "ou=managers" as being consistent with the disclosure of the instant specification. In order to avoid abandonment of this application, correction is required in reply to the Office action. The correction will not be held in abeyance.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 35, 36 and 42 – 45 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant has claimed unique features in the instant invention which are not found in the prior art, either singularly or in combination.

According to the invention, a method for configuring a network cache to communicate with an authentication server comprises receiving at the network cache, from an operator, a first user input specifying a user ID, the user ID representing an identify of a user who is to be authenticated by the network cache during a subsequent authentication; in response to the first user input, identifying one or more objects that contain the user ID in an authentication database associated with an authentication server, the authentication database containing information relating to a plurality of users to be authenticated by the network cache during subsequent authentication; retrieving each said identified object that contains the user ID from the authentication database and causing information identifying each said object to be output to the operator; receiving at the network cache a second user input from the operator, indicating a

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selection by the operator of an object of said one or more objects, said object containing a plurality of attributes and a separate attribute name for each of the attributes; in response to the second user input, causing the attributes in the object and the names of the attributes to be output to the operator; receiving at the network cache a third user input from the operator, specifying a name of an attribute which contains the user ID in the object; storing, in a configuration database of the network cache, the name of the attribute which contains the user ID, for use by the network cache during subsequent authentication; receiving at the network cache a fourth user input from the operator specifying a name of an attribute which contains a group ID in the object, the group ID representing an identify of a group to which the user belongs; and storing, in the configuration database, the name of the attribute which contains the group ID, for use by the network cache during subsequent authentication.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Longbit Chai whose telephone number is 571-272-3788. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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